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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

JUN 21 1977

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 14, 1977

FROM: Philip H. Modlin
Deputy Associate
Attorney General

SUBJECT NEIL JOHN WELCH	DATE OF BIRTH 8/9/26
POSITION Director of the FBI Special Candidate	OFFICE OR DIVISION (Location) FBI
(CHECK ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPLICANT	TYPE OF POSITION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SENSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-SENSITIVE
ENTERED ON DUTY	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT

☒ Please institute the usual character investigation in this matter and forward copies of the reports to this office.

☐ Please furnish results of Name Check and search of Identification Records prior to completion of investigation

Standard Forms 86 are attached. Please return the original signed copy with the final report of this investigation.

☐ Name Check Made

☐ Fingerprint Chart attached

☐ Please institute a name check of this individual whose Standard Form 171/86 is enclosed. The fingerprint chart is being forwarded to the Identification Building.

POS Code:

☐ Please discontinue the character investigation in this matter. Standard Form 86 submitted with our request should be returned to this office.

DAG-16's attached

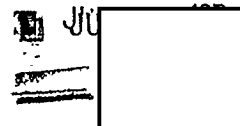
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NEIL JOHN WELCH
Special Agent in Charge

AGE: - 50 - born August 9, 1926
at St. Paul, Minnesota

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: - 225 Colket Lane
Devon, Pennsylvania 19333
Telephone: (215) 293-0673

BUSINESS ADDRESS: - Federal Bureau of Investigation
8th Floor, Wm. J. Green Federal Building
600 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106
Telephone: (215) 629-0800

EDUCATION

<u>School</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Degree</u>
University of Nebraska, Omaha	1946-1948	
Creighton University, Omaha	1948-1951	J.D.

MILITARY SERVICE

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Navy	1944-1946	Fireman Second Class

Conduct rating during military service was 4.0 out of 4.0. Other ratings during military service was never lower than 3.5.

Decorations:

- Victory Medal
- American Area Medal
- Philippine Liberation Ribbon
- Asiatic-Pacific Medal

EMPLOYMENT

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Duties</u>
F.B.I.	New Haven, CT	9/51-9/52	Special Agent - general investigative duties.
F.B.I.	Boston, MA	1952	Complex investigative duties, with emphasis on major crimes e.g. Brinks robbery.
F.B.I.	Bangor, ME	1953	Resident agent - all matters within jurisdiction of the Bureau.
F.B.I.	New York, NY	11/53-10/56	Organized crime; beginning supervisory positions.
F.B.I.	Washington-HQ	1956-61	Headquarters supervisor; reviewed and supervised field investigations.
F.B.I.	Washington-HQ	1961	Inspection staff, specializing in organized crime matters.
F.B.I.	Tampa, FL	1962-64	Assistant SAIC - supervised organized crime and general investigative matters.
F.B.I.	Jackson, MS	7/64-10/65	Assistant SAIC - general supervision; emphasis on civil rights matters.
F.B.I.	Washington-HQ	10/65-4/66	Inspector - inspection of field offices with specialization in organized crime investigations.
F.B.I.	Buffalo, NY	4/66-5/70	SAIC - general supervision of a 17 county area. Continued emphasis on organized crime investigations.

EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Duties</u>
F.B.I.	Detroit, MI	5/70-7/75	SAIC - general supervision of large office.
F.B.I.	Philadelphia, PA	7/75-Present	SAIC - continued as the supervisor of a large office; began the Bureau's "quality case" program with emphasis on organized crime, white collar crime and corruption in government, labor, and business.

POLICE RECORD: None

OTHER:

Military medical records indicate that on August 5, 1946, a disability claim was filed in connection with treatment for sore throat, tonsils and dental treatment received in 1944. Claim was filed at the Veteran's Administration, Lincoln, Nebraska, under Claim No. 8501-110. There is no indication of payment. Last examination in August, 1950, showed no defects and fit for duty.

Candidate states that he has no knowledge of the above action.

AUTHORITY TO RELEASE INFORMATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In connection with the background investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I hereby authorize any Special Agent or other authorized representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation bearing this release, or copy thereof, within one year of its date, to obtain any information in your files pertaining to my employment, military, credit or educational records including, but not limited to, academic, achievement, attendance, athletic, personal history, and disciplinary records; medical records, and credit records. I hereby direct you to release such information upon request of the bearer. This release is executed with full knowledge and understanding that the information will be used in connection with the consideration of my employment by the Department of Justice and will be disseminated only to those individuals or agencies directly involved in this determination or to fulfill other obligations imposed by law, regulation or presidential directive or executive order. I hereby release you, as the custodian of such records, and any school, college, university, or other educational institution, hospital, or other repository of medical records, credit bureau, lending institution, consumer reporting agency, or retail business establishment including its officers, employees, or related personnel, both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may at any time result to me, my heirs, family or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information, or any attempt to comply with it. Should there be any question as to the validity of this release, you may contact me as indicated below.

Full Name:

Neil J. Welch
(Signature)

Full Name:

Neil J. Welch
(Type or Print)

Parent or Guardian:
(If Required)

Date:

6/15/77

Current Address:

225 Colket Lane
Devon, Pa. 19333

Telephone Number:

293-0673

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION

In connection with the background investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I hereby authorize (pursuant to Internal Revenue Code 6103 (c) as amended) the Internal Revenue Service to provide the FBI with tax information, limited to the following:

1. Whether I have filed returns with respect to Federal income taxes for the immediately preceding 3 years.
2. Whether I have failed to pay any tax within 10 days after notice and demand, or have been assessed any penalty under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, for negligence, in the current year or immediately preceding 3 years.
3. Whether I have been or am under investigation for possible criminal offenses under the Internal Revenue laws and the results of any such investigations.
4. Whether I have been assessed any civil penalty under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, for fraud.

In order to assist you in locating this Federal tax information, I am voluntarily disclosing my Social Security Number, which is 507-20-5395.

NEIL J. WELCH
(Taxpayer's Signature)

NEIL J. WELCH

6/15/77
(Date)

225 Curtis Road
Rocky Hill, Ct. 06333
(Taxpayer's Address)

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Records Branch

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☒ All Reference (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
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☐ Main _____ References Only

Special Instructions:

- ☐ Restricted to Locality of _____
☒ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

Subject Niel G. Welch

Birthdate & Place

Address

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PERSONAL ATTENTION, SAC

NEIL J. ^{John O}WELCH, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, DIRECTOR, FBI, BUDED:

CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 20, 1977, WITHOUT FAIL

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JUNE 15, 1977.

FOR INFORMATION OF ALL OFFICES NOT PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED, BUAP-SA INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED CONCERNING WELCH IN 1951. RESULTS OF THAT INVESTIGATION WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE DEPARTMENT. ALL OFFICES BRING INVESTIGATION UP TO DATE. WELCH WAS BORN AUGUST 9, 1926, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, AND HAS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 507-20-5395. BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS BE FOLLOWED CONCERNING INVESTIGATION, AND LEADS TELEPHONICALLY SET FORTH AND CONFIRMED BY TELETYPE. SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL MUST BE ASSIGNED TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION BY BUDED. SUBMIT DETAILED TELETYPE SUMMARY IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION TO REACH BUREAU BY BUDED AND FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY WITH COMPLETED ACCURATE REPORTS WHICH AGREE IN CONTEXT WITH INFORMATION IN TELETYPE. INSURE CLOSE READING OF TELETYPE TEXT AND REPORTS TO FACILITATE IMMEDIATE DISSEMINATION. DICTATION OF

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TELETYPES AND FOLLOWING REPORTS SHOULD BE TO THE SAC'S SECRETARY. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE MAINTAINED IN THE SAC'S SAFE. BUREAU DEADLINE MUST BE MET. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

RECEIVING OFFICES DEVELOPING LEADS IN THE PHILADELPHIA TERRITORY SHOULD TELEPHONICALLY ADVISE BALTIMORE OFFICE WHICH WILL CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION.

CONTENTS OF THIS COMMUNICATION CONTAINS BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING APPLICANT FROM JUNE, 1951 TO DATE (DATE OF APPLICANT'S EOD). APPLICANT INTERVIEWED ON JUNE 15, 1977, AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

APPLICANT BORN AUGUST ²⁶29, 19⁵⁴55, AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, (NO CC MINNEAPOLIS REFERENCED TELETYPE). MINNEAPOLIS WILL VERIFY BIRTH PER REFERENCED TELETYPE.

RESIDENCES: JUNE, 1951 TO SEPTEMBER, 1951 - RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.; SEPTEMBER, 1951 - NOVEMBER, 1951 - ADDRESS UNKNOWN, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT; NOVEMBER, 1951 TO JUNE, 1952, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT; JUNE, 1952 TO JUNE, 1953 - CLEVELAND CIRCLE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS; JUNE, 1953 TO NOVEMBER, 1953 - 199 GARLAND, BANGOR, MAINE; NOVEMBER, 1953 TO JUNE, 1955, JACKSON HEIGHTS, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK; JUNE, 1955 TO

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NOVEMBER, 1956 - PARK CHESTER APARTMENTS, BRONX, NEW YORK CITY;
NOVEMBER, 1956 TO SEPTEMBER, 1962 - PARK FAIRFAX, ALEXANDRIA,
VIRGINIA; SEPTEMBER, 1962 TO JULY, 1964 - 521 CORTNEY DRIVE,
TEMPLE TERRACE, FLORIDA; JULY, 1964 TO OCTOBER, 1965 - 314 VALLEY
VISTA DRIVE, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; OCTOBER, 1965 TO APRIL, 1966 -
4427 FORREST GLEN COURT, ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA; JULY, 1966 TO JULY,
1968 - 15 GEORGETOWN COURT, WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK; JULY, 1968
TO AUGUST, 1970 - 80-E GUILFORD LANE, WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK;
AUGUST, 1970 TO AUGUST, 1975 - 614 RIVARD BOULEVARD, GROSSE POINT,
MICHIGAN; AUGUST, 1975 TO DATE - 225 COLKET LANE, DEVON,
PENNSYLVANIA.

MILITARY SERVICE: UNITED STATES NAVY - JUNE, 1944 TO MAY,
1946, SERIAL NUMBER 3171694. /BALTIMORE-CHECK DCII. NO LEAD SET
OUT FOR ST. LOUIS SINCE MILITARY SERVICE PREVIOUSLY COVERED IN
~~1951 INVESTIGATION, WACB.~~

RELATIVES: WIFE - GERALDINE MC LEOD WELCH (NMN), DATE OF
BIRTH 1930, PLACE OF BIRTH, BANGOR, MAINE; SONS - [REDACTED]
DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]
APPLICANT, WIFE AND [REDACTED] ALL RESIDE AT 225 COLKET LANE, DEVON,

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PENNSYLVANIA. PARENTS - THOMAS WILLIAM WELCH (FATHER), 445 E.
62ND STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI; LEONA O'NEILL WELCH, (MOTHER),
DECEASED IN 1954; [REDACTED] DATE OF BIRTH

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[REDACTED] SISTER - MRS.
MAUREEN H. FARRELL, DATE OF BIRTH JULY 13, 1920, P.O. BOX 2343,
SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA.

REFERENCES AND SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCES: [REDACTED],
SAC, FBI, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (YEARS KNOWN - 20); [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], FBI, BUFFALO OFFICE, BUFFALO, NEW YORK
(YEARS KNOWN - 20); THE HONORABLE DAMEON KEITH, JUDGE, U.S.D.C.,
DETROIT, MICHIGAN; [REDACTED]

DETROIT NEWS, DETROIT, MICHIGAN (YEARS KNOWN - 5); [REDACTED]
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, NO ADDITIONAL ADDRESS FORTHCOMING, DETROIT,
MICHIGAN (YEARS KNOWN - 20); THE HONORABLE SENIOR JUDGE RALPH
FR EEMAN, U.S.D.C., DETROIT, MICHIGAN (YEARS KNOWN - 5); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
(YEARS KNOWN - 5); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (YEARS KNOWN - 5); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (YEARS KNOWN - 4);

MR. DWIGHT HAVENS, PRESIDENT, GREATER DETROIT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

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150 MICHIGAN AVENUE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN (YEARS KNOWN - 5); MR. ROY K. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, GUARANTEE PLAZA, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI (YEARS KNOWN - 20); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (YEARS KNOWN - 4); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (YEARS KNOWN - 4); MR. JACK DANAHY, DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE, 54 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY (YEARS KNOWN - 20); MR. HENRY FITZGIBBONS, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL, 15 W. 51ST STREET, NEW YORK CITY (YEARS KNOWN - 20); MR. THOMAS EMORY, SAC, FBI, NEW YORK CITY (YEARS KNOWN - 20); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (YEARS KNOWN - 5); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (YEARS KNOWN - 5); MR. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, DIRECTOR, FBI, WASHINGTON, D.C. (YEARS KNOWN - 20); MR. WILBURN DE BRULER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FBI, WASHINGTON, D.C. (YEARS KNOWN - 20); MR. RICHARD HELD, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, FBI, WASHINGTON, D.C. (YEARS KNOWN - 20); MR. JOSEPH SANTIONA, FORMER SAC, FBI, TAMPA, FLORIDA. ~~DETERMINE SANTIONA'S ADDRESS THROUGH TAMPA OFFICE.~~

ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH APPLICANT IS PRESENTLY AFFILIATED WITH:

1. THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, PHILADELPHIA,

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PENNSYLVANIA. 2. MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN AND NEBRASKA BAR ASSOCIATIONS. CHICAGO AND OMAHA WILL VERIFY AND CHECK GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE. 3. PENNSYLVANIA CHIEF OF POLICE ASSOCIATION. CURRENTLY CO-CHAIRMAN, EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION WITH SAC VINCENT RUEHL, FBI, PITTSBURGH DIVISION. ~~INTERVIEW RUEHL.~~

THE FOLLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MAY BE ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPLICANT: DETECTIVE [REDACTED] MC KEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES, PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER; INSTRUCTOR [REDACTED], ALLEGHANY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA. [REDACTED] IS ALSO 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES, PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER; CHIEF JOHN C. WHITMORE HICKORY, TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, PRESIDENT, PENNSYLVANIA CHIEF OF POLICE ASSOCIATION (PCPA); CHIEF OF POLICE CAMILLO A. DE LELLIS VERONA, PENNSYLVANIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, TREASURER, PCPA; [REDACTED] ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA, TRAINING COMMISSION, PENNSYLVANIA POLICE OFFICERS EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION; COLONEL [REDACTED] BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA, EX-COMMISSIONER, PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE.

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APPLICANT STATES THAT HE OWNS NO PROPERTY OTHER THAN HIS PRESENT HOME WHICH PRESENTLY HAS A MORTGAGE ON IT.

APPLICANT ADVISED THAT HE HAS HAD NO TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, HAS HAD NO ADDITIONAL EDUCATION SINCE COMING INTO THE FBI AND IS NOT A DIRECTOR, OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF ANY CORPORATION ORGANIZED FOR PROFIT.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT OFFICES DISCRETELY ASCERTAIN REPUTATION AND VERIFY CURRENT RESIDENCES OF LIVING RELATIVES, AND CONDUCT ARREST CHECKS.

ALL OFFICES REVIEW THIS COMMUNICATION AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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NEIL J. WELCH, DAPLI, DIRECTOR, FBI; BUDED: CLOSE OF BUSINESS

JUNE 20, 1977, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE JUNE 15, 1977.

WFO INTERVIEW SENATOR ROBERT GRIFFIN OF MICHIGAN AND
SOLICITOR GENERAL WADE H. MC CREE REGARDING WELCH. MC CREE
IS FORMER SIXTH U. S. CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE AND HAD OFFICES IN
FEDERAL BUILDING AT DETROIT WHILE WELCH WAS SAC.

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WILL J. WELCH
SAC
DIRECTOR, FBI

REMARKS

Attached are Authority to Release
Information forms for education records,
Federal taxes and employment.

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AUTHORITY TO RELEASE INFORMATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby authorize any Special Agent or other authorized representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation bearing this release, or copy thereof, within one year of its date, to obtain any information in your files pertaining to my educational records including, but not limited to, academic, achievement, attendance, athletic, personal history, and disciplinary records; employment records; and credit records. I hereby direct you to release such information upon request of the bearer. This release is executed with full knowledge and understanding that the information is for the official use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Consent is granted for the FBI to furnish such information, as is described above, to third parties in the course of fulfilling its official responsibilities. I hereby release you, as the custodian of such records, and any school, college, university, or other educational institution, credit bureau or consumer reporting agency, including its officers, employees, or related personnel, both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may at any time result to me, my heirs, family or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information, or any attempt to comply with it. Should there be any question as to the validity of this release, you may contact me as indicated below.

Full name: _____

Neil T. DeLeon
Signature

Full name: _____

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This will confirm telephonic conversation with you on June 15, 1977, wherein you were instructed to designate a Special Agent to interview Director Clarence M. Kelley for his comments concerning SAC Neil J. Welch, and his suitability for the position of Director of the FBI.

This interview has been scheduled for 3:15 p.m., *PC*
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A BUAP-SA INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED CONCERNING WELCH IN [95]. RESULTS OF THAT INVESTIGATION WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE DEPARTMENT. ALL OFFICES BRING INVESTIGATION UP TO DATE.

WELCH WAS BORN AUGUST 9, 1926, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, AND HAS SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER 507 20 5395.

HE ENTERED ON DUTY WITH THE FBI AS A SPECIAL AGENT JUNE 25, [95]. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE NEW HAVEN OFFICE IN SEPTEMBER, [95], AND SERVED IN THE STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, RESIDENT AGENCY FROM NOVEMBER, [95] TO JULY, 1952. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE BOSTON OFFICE IN JULY, 1952, AND SERVED IN THE BANGOR, MAINE, RESIDENT AGENCY FROM APRIL, 1953 TO SEPTEMBER, 1953. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE FROM SEPTEMBER, 1953 TO NOVEMBER, 1956. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO FBI HEADQUARTERS FROM NOVEMBER, 1956 TO OCTOBER, 1962. HE SERVED AS ASAC, TAMPA, FROM OCTOBER, 1962 TO JULY, 1964, AND AS ASAC, JACKSON, FROM JULY, 1964 TO OCTOBER, 1965. HE AGAIN WAS ASSIGNED AT FBI HEADQUARTERS FROM OCTOBER, 1965 TO APRIL, 1966. HE HAS SERVED AS SAC, BUFFALO, FROM APRIL, 1966 TO MAY, 1970; AT DETROIT, FROM MAY, 1970 TO JULY, 1975;

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AND AT PHILADELPHIA, SINCE JULY, 1975.

RELATIVES: WIFE, GERALDINE E. WELCH, NEE MC LEOD,
AGE 46; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ALL RESIDING WITH SAC WELCH AT 225 COLKET
LANE, DEVON, PENNSYLVANIA; FATHER, THOMAS W. WELCH, AGE 85,
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI; MOTHER, LEOME M. WELCH, DECEASED;

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[REDACTED], [REDACTED] AND
[REDACTED]; SISTER, AGE 56,
AND BROTHER-IN LAW, AGE 60, MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM H. FARRELL,
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA; MOTHER-IN-LAW, MRS. GERALDINE MC LEOD,
AGE 71, AND [REDACTED] BOTH
RESIDING [REDACTED]

HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE NEBRASKA BAR IN 1951, AND HAS
BEEN ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME
COURT.

DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED EXTREMELY EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION
OF APPLICANT FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY.

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BALTIMORE IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW APPLICANT FOR BACKGROUND DATA, USING SF-86 AS GUIDE, AND HAVE GENERAL RELEASE AND TAX WAIVER FORMS EXECUTED. SEND FACSIMILE OF TAX WAIVER FORM TO BUREAU AND IMMEDIATELY FORWARD ORIGINAL SIGNED FORM BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS.

FOLLOW DAPLI INSTRUCTIONS. SEND LEADS TELEPHONICALLY AND CONFIRM BY TELETYPE.

INSURE SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION BY BUDED. SUBMIT DETAILED TELETYPE SUMMARY IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION TO REACH BUREAU BY BUDED, AND FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY WITH COMPLETED ACCURATE REPORTS WHICH AGREE IN CONTEXT WITH INFORMATION IN TELETYPES. INSURE CLOSE READING OF TELETYPE TEXT AND REPORTS TO FACILITATE IMMEDIATE DISSEMINATION.

INCLUDE RESULTS OF BACKGROUND INTERVIEW IN REPORT, AS WELL AS TABLE OF CONTENTS. ALL ACTIVITIES SINCE 1951 MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR. SECURE IDENTITY OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH HE HAS BEEN OR IS PRESENTLY A MEMBER. LIST THESE UNDER HEADING "ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS" NEAR BEGINNING OF REPORT. ASCERTAIN WHETHER APPLICANT IS SERVING AS AN

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OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR EMPLOYEE OF ANY CORPORATION ORGANIZED FOR PROFIT. VERIFY.

RECEIVING OFFICES IN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION IN AREAS OF ASSIGNMENT OF SAC WELCH SINCE [95], INSURE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD LOGICALLY BE ACQUAINTED WITH WELCH DURING PERIODS OF ASSIGNMENT ARE INTERVIEWED. THESE INTERVIEWS SHOULD INCLUDE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS; ATTORNEYS; FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL JUDGES; LABOR AND BUSINESS LEADERS; MEMBERS OF BOTH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES; MINORITY AND ETHNIC REPRESENTATIVES; PRESIDENTS OF LOCAL BARS; AND HIS PERSONAL PHYSICIAN. APPROPRIATE CREDIT AND ARREST CHECKS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED.

DICTATION OF TELETYPES AND THE FOLLOWING REPORTS SHOULD BE TO THE SAC'S SECRETARY. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE MAINTAINED IN THE SAC'S SAFE.

IF APPLICANT HAD HISTORY OF FINANCIAL TROUBLE, ASSURE THAT APPROPRIATE RECORDS ARE CHECKED FOR LOCAL AND STATE TAX

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LIENS OUTSTANDING AGAINST HIM.

IF APPLICANT OWNS, OR HAS OWNED ANY REAL PROPERTY, DETERMINE WHETHER PROPERTY ENCUMBERED WITH ANY COVENANTS PERTAINING TO RACE, CREED, COLOR, OR RELIGION. DETERMINE IF GROUPS TO WHICH THE APPLICANT BELONGS OR HAS BELONGED DISCRIMINATES BECAUSE OF RACE OR RELIGION.

SUTEL ALEXANDRIA INFORMATION CONCERNING FOREIGN TRAVEL.

BALTIMORE: AS INSTRUCTED IN BUTEL CALL, HANDLE ALL NECESSARY INVESTIGATION IN PHILADELPHIA TERRITORY AND DICTATE TO SAC BALTIMORE'S SECRETARY.

WASHINGTON FIELD: THIS IS A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT. ALSO CHECK INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, INTERVIEW UNITED STATES SENATORS FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

ALL OFFICES: DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN REPUTATION, VERIFY CURRENT RESIDENCES OF LIVING CLOSE RELATIVES, AND CONDUCT ARREST CHECKS. VERIFY BIRTH FROM BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

WHERE APPROPRIATE, VERIFY ADMISSION TO STATE AND LOCAL BARS, AND CHECK GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE RECORDS. ALSO CHECK NEWSPAPER MORGUES FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

IN VIEW OF URGENCY OF INVESTIGATION, BUREAU DEADLINE

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AS SET FORTH ABOVE MEANS THE TELETYPE MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE BUREAU ON THAT DATE OR PRIOR THERETO. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

RECEIVING OFFICES DEVELOPING LEADS IN THE PHILADELPHIA TERRITORY SHOULD TELEPHONICALLY ADVISE BALTIMORE OFFICE, WHICH WILL CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION.

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NEIL J. WELCH, DAPLI, DIRECTOR, FBI, BUDED JUNE 20, 1977.

RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO CHICAGO, JUNE 15, 1977.

MRS. [REDACTED] CLERK, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

(ABA), 1155 EAST 60TH STREET, ADVISED SA [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] ON JUNE 16, 1977, FROM RECORDS THAT THE APPLICANT
IS A CURRENT MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE ABA.

MRS. [REDACTED] CLERK, NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BAR
EXAMINERS, 333 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ADVISED
SA [REDACTED], ON JUNE 16, 1977, THAT THE FILES
OF THIS ORGANIZATION CONTAINED NO LISTED GRIEVANCES OR
UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPLICANT.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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NEIL J. ^{John G} WELCH, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, DIRECTOR, FBI, BUDED:

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JUNE 15, 1977.

A DAPLI INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL, AND ALL LEADS SHOULD BE SENT TELEPHONICALLY AND CONFIRMED BY TELETYPE.

WELCH WAS BORN AUGUST 9, 1926 AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, AND HAS SSAN 507-20-5395.

HE ENTERED ON DUTY WITH THE FBI AS A SPECIAL AGENT ON ~~1951~~ ⁷⁷⁻¹³⁵⁵⁻⁴¹⁻⁸ ~~1951~~ ^{NOT RECORDED} AUG 30 1977

25, 1951. AFTER SERVING IN NUMEROUS OFFICES, HE WAS ASSIGNED

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TO THE TAMPA DIVISION AS ASAC FROM OCTOBER, 1962 TO JULY, 1964.

DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED EXTREMELY EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF APPLICANT FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL BE ASSIGNED TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION BY BUDED, AND DETAILED TELETYPE SUMMARY IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION SHOULD REACH BUREAU BY BUDED, FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY WITH COMPLETED ACCURATE REPORTS WHICH AGREE IN CONTEXT WITH INFORMATION IN TELETYPES. INSURE CLOSE READING OF TELETYPE TEXT AND REPORTS TO FACILITATE IMMEDIATE DISSEMINATION.

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CURRENT STATE REPRESENTATIVE ED BLACKBURN, JR., WAS SHERIFF OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY DURING 1963, A PORTION OF THE PERIOD DURING WHICH APPLICANT WAS ASAC OF THE TAMPA DIVISION.

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ON JUNE 16, 1977, TELEPHONIC CONTACT WAS MADE WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TO REPRESENTATIVE BLACKBURN. MS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED REPRESENTATIVE BLACKBURN CURRENTLY IS ATTENDING SPECIAL SESSION OF STATE LEGISLATURE CALLED BY GOV. ASKEW, AND SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHEN HE MIGHT RETURN. SHE WAS ADVISED TO CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE BLACKBURN AND HAVE HIM TELEPHONE THE TALLAHASSEE, FLA., RA TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE. UPON RECEIPT OF TELEPHONE CALL FROM REPRESENTATIVE BLACKBURN, ARRANGE TO INTERVIEW CONCERNING KNOWLEDGE OF APPLICANT AND FURNISH RESULTS TO BUREAU AS INDICATED ABOVE.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO BALTIMORE AND BALTIMORE TELETYPE
TO BUREAU, BOTH DATED JUNE 15, 1977.

FEDERAL JUDGES:

ON JUNE 15, 1977, THE HONORABLE THOMAS CLARY, SENIOR
JUDGE, U. S. DISTRICT COURT, ROOM 3810, FEDERAL BUILDING,
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT PERSONALLY
ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPLICANT. HE HAS KNOWN HIM BY REPUTA-
TION AS THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE PHILADELPHIA
OFFICE OF THE FBI DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS. HE SAID THE
APPLICANT'S REPUTATION IN THE PHILADELPHIA AREA IS BEYOND

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REPROACH. THE APPLICANT IS CONSIDERED AN "OUTSTANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL," WHO SEEMS TO BE AN EXCELLENT ADMINISTRATOR AND EXECUTIVE. HE FEELS THE APPLICANT HAS ALL OF THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME AN OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR OF THE FBI AND RECOMMENDED HIM FOR SUCH A POSITION WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS AT ALL.

ON JUNE 15, 1977, CHIEF JUDGE COLLINS SEITZ, THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, FEDERAL BUILDING, 844 KING STREET, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPLICANT AND THAT HE COULD NOT COMMENT REGARDING HIM. HE DID NOTE THAT HIS COURT HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S ADMINISTRATION AS SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE FBI IN THE PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, AREA.

ON JUNE 15, 1977, SENIOR JUDGE JOHN BIGGS, JR., THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, FEDERAL BUILDING, 844 KING STREET, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPLICANT AND COULD NOT COMMENT REGARDING HIM. HE NOTED THAT HIS COURT HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE APPLICANT OR HIS ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI. WHAT LITTLE HE HAS HEARD OF THE APPLICANT

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HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE APPLICANT IS DOING AN EXCELLENT
JOB AS SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE
OF THE FBI.

ABOVE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY SA

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NONE OF THE PERSONS CONTACTED REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT.

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NEIL J. ^{John}VELCH, DAPLI, DIRECTOR, FBI, BUDED CLOSE OF BUSINESS

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JUNE 16, 1977, AND BALTIMORE TELETYPE,
JUNE 16, 1977. *sc*

NONE OF THE PERSONS CONTACTED REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY UNDER
THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT.

ALL PERSONS WERE CONTACTED BY SA [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS: ON JUNE 15, 1977, [REDACTED]

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA,
PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPLICANT FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE
AND A HALF YEARS ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS, AND CONSIDERS HIM AN

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OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL IN EVERY RESPECT. HE ADVISED THAT APPLICANT IS HONEST AND STRAIGHT FORWARD, AND A FABULOUS INDIVIDUAL, LEADER AND ADMINISTRATOR. [] STATED HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF ANY KIND CONCERNING APPLICANT, AND CONSIDERS APPLICANT'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY UNQUESTIONABLE. [] STATED THAT APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS ARE THE HIGHEST, THAT HE HAS GREAT STRENGTH AND HAS EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY IN THAT HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO BUILD UP PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE FBI IN THE PENNSYLVANIA AND SURROUNDING AREAS. [] HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPLICANT FOR A POSITION OF DIRECTOR, FBI.

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ON JUNE 15, 1977, [] FIRST ASSISTANT, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPLICANT FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS, AND DESCRIBED HIM AS A SOLID INDIVIDUAL, TRUSTWORTHY AND HONEST. HE STATED THAT APPLICANT IS NOT AFRAID TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED, AND THAT IF APPLICANT SEES A JOB THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, HE DOES IT. [] STATED HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF ANY KIND CONCERNING

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APPLICANT, AND DESCRIBES APPLICANT'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY AS UNQUESTIONABLE. HE INDICATED APPLICANT HAS BEEN AN OUTSTANDING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE IN THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION, FBI, AND THAT HE IS A GREAT ADMINISTRATOR AND HAS NEW CONCEPTS FOR THE FBI AND HAS DONE MUCH TO UPLIFT PUBLIC AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFIDENCE IN THE FBI. [REDACTED] STATED THAT APPLICANT IN HIS OPINION IS A SUPER CHOICE FOR DIRECTOR OF THE FBI AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDS HIM.

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ON JUNE 15, 1977, [REDACTED] CHIEF ASSISTANT, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, WHITE COLLAR CRIMES UNIT, UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS OFFICE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPLICANT FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN YEARS IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN AND PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, ONLY ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS. HE DESCRIBES APPLICANT AS ONE OF THE FINEST, OUTSTANDING AND SUPERIOR INDIVIDUALS HE HAS EVER MET WITH A GREAT ABILITY TO ORGANIZE HIS MANPOWER. [REDACTED] STATED THAT APPLICANT HAS AN INTEREST IN THE PUBLIC AND IS EASY TO WORK WITH.

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[REDACTED] STATED HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF ANY KIND CONCERNING APPLICANT AND CONSIDERS APPLICANT'S CHARACTER,

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ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY UNQUESTIONABLE. HE STATED THAT APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECTOR OF THE FBI ARE EXCELLENT, AND BELIEVES THAT HE WOULD BE AN OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR, AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDS HIM FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

ON JUNE 15, 1977, [REDACTED] CHIEF ASSISTANT, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, CRIMINAL DIVISION, UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS OFFICE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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[REDACTED] STATED HE HAS KNOWN APPLICANT FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE YEARS ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS AND CONSIDERS APPLICANT TO BE AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AND LEADER. HE STATED THAT APPLICANT IS A PERFECT GENTLEMAN AND IS THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

HE ADVISED HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF ANY KIND CONCERNING APPLICANT AND CONSIDERS HIS CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY UNQUESTIONABLE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT APPLICANT HAS OUTSTANDING QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECTOR IN THAT HE IS THE BEST SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, LEADER AND ADMINISTRATOR OF ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HE HAS EVER SEEN OR DEALT WITH. HE STATED APPLICANT IS OF THE HIGHEST REPUTATION AND IS WELL THOUGHT OF IN THE PENNSYLVANIA AREA. [REDACTED] STATED THAT

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HE CONSIDERS APPLICANT THE BEST CHOICE FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR AND RECOMMENDS HIM HIGHLY.

UNITED STATES MARSHALS: ON JUNE 15, 1977, [REDACTED]
UNITED STATES MARSHAL, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA,
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPLICANT FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE YEARS ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS AND AS A SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE, AND DESCRIBES HIM AS A PERFECT GENTLEMAN, NEVER OUT OF ORDER, AND ONE OF THE "GREATEST" AND "HIGHEST QUALITY" INDIVIDUALS HE HAS EVER HAD THE PLEASURE TO MEET.

HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF ANY KIND CONCERNING APPLICANT AND CONSIDERS APPLICANT'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY UNQUESTIONABLE. [REDACTED] STATED THAT APPLICANT HAS GREAT ABILITY AS A LEADER AND ADMINISTRATOR AND IS WELL QUALIFIED TO HOLD THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI. [REDACTED] HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPLICANT FOR A POSITION OF DIRECTOR, FBI.

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ON JUNE 15, 1977, [REDACTED] CHIEF DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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TWO YEARS PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY, AND DESCRIBES HIM AS AN INDIVIDUAL OF HIGH QUALITY, HONEST AND OF THE HIGHEST REPUTATION.

HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF ANY KIND CONCERNING APPLICANT AND CONSIDERS APPLICANT'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY UNQUESTIONABLE. [] STATED HE CONSIDERS APPLICANT WELL QUALIFIED FOR DIRECTOR OF THE FBI IN THAT APPLICANT IS AN EXTREMELY TALENTED LEADER AND ADMINISTRATOR, AND AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL. [] HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPLICANT FOR A POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

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U.S. FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES: ON JUNE 15, 1977, RAYMOND J. BRODERICK, U.S. FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

BRODERICK STATED HE HAS KNOWN APPLICANT FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS ONLY, AND DESCRIBES HIM AS "THE BEST LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATOR IN THE BUSINESS" WITH "TREMENDOUS IDEAS AND LEADERSHIP ON RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE FBI", AND AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL. HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF ANY KIND AND HAS ONLY HEARD OF HIGH COMPLIMENTS FROM OTHERS CONCERNING APPLICANT, AND CONSIDERS APPLICANT'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY UNQUESTIONABLE. BRODERICK

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STATED HE CONSIDERS APPLICANT HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR DIRECTOR OF THE FBI IN THAT HE HAS GREAT ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY. BRODERICK HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPLICANT WITHOUT HESITATION.

ON JUNE 15, 1977, EDWARD R. BECKER, U.S. FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING:

BECKER STATED HE HAS KNOWN APPLICANT FOR A YEAR AND A HALF ON A TOTALLY PROFESSIONAL BASIS, AND DESCRIBES HIM AS AN EXTREMELY COMPETENT INDIVIDUAL, LEADER AND ADMINISTRATOR. HE STATED THAT APPLICANT IS A STRONG INDIVIDUAL, AND A HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MAN WITH AN EXTREMELY HIGH REPUTATION. BECKER FURTHER DESCRIBED APPLICANT BY SAYING THAT WHEN APPLICANT SEES A JOB TO BE DONE, HE DOES IT AND HAS IT DONE RIGHT.

HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF ANY KIND CONCERNING APPLICANT AND CONSIDERS APPLICANT'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY UNQUESTIONABLE. BECKER STATED THAT HE CONSIDERS APPLICANT EXTREMELY AND HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI. BECKER HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPLICANT FOR

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THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR.

ON JUNE 15, 1977, THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE CONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT THEY DO NOT KNOW APPLICANT WELL ENOUGH TO BE INTERVIEWED, HOWEVER, STATED THAT FROM THE FEW OCCASIONS THAT THEY HAVE MET APPLICANT AND THE EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL REPUTATION THAT APPLICANT HOLDS IN THE PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA AREA, THEY FEEL THAT APPLICANT'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY IS BEYOND REPROACH, AND FEEL APPLICANT HAS ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECTOR OF THE FBI:

LEON HIGGINBOTHAM, JR., FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA; D.H. HUYETT, III, FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA; C.W. CRAFT, JR., FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA; A.L. LUONGO, FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA; J.L. MC GLYNN, JR., FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA; E. MAC TROUTMAN, FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA; DONALD W. VAN ARTSDALEN, FEDERAL

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DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA; J.M. DAVIS, FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

U.S. FEDERAL CIRCUIT JUDGES: ON JUNE 15, 1977, ARLIN M. ADAMS, JUDGE, UNITED STATES FEDERAL COURT OF APPEALS, 3RD CIRCUIT, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED HE HAS NEVER MET APPLICANT PERSONALLY, HOWEVER, HE HAS NEVER HEARD OF ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF ANY KIND CONCERNING APPLICANT AND HAS ONLY HEARD OF THE HIGHEST COMPLIMENTS FROM OTHER JUDGES AND LAWYERS. ADAMS ADVISED HE ONLY KNOWS OF APPLICANT THROUGH HIS REPUTATION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA AREA IN WHICH HE HAS THE HIGHEST REPUTATION AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADER AND ADMINISTRATOR.

ON JUNE 15, 1977, FRANCIS L. VAN DUSIN, JUDGE, U.S. FEDERAL COURT OF APPEALS, 3RD CIRCUIT, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

HE STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN BRIEFLY ACQUAINTED WITH APPLICANT FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS AND CONSIDERS HIM AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AND ADMINISTRATOR, WHO HAS DONE MUCH TO UPLIFT PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE FBI BETWEEN OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS THE

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HIGHEST REGARD FOR APPLICANT AND THAT APPLICANT IS HONEST AND STRAIGHT FORWARD.

HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF ANY KIND CONCERNING APPLICANT AND CONSIDERS HIS CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY UNQUESTIONABLE. VAN DUSIN STATED THAT APPLICANT IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST QUALIFIED LEADERS AND ADMINISTRATORS THAT HE HAS EVER HAD THE PLEASURE TO MEET. VAN DUSIN HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPLICANT FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS: ON JUNE 15, 1977, HOWARD C. SHOOK, CHIEF OF POLICE, MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT, LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION, CHIEF OF POLICE (IACP), TO ASSUME OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, IACP, OCTOBER, 1977, FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY GRADUATE - CLASS 77, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HE HAS KNOWN THE APPLICANT FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS AND DESCRIBES HIM AS THE FINEST GENTLEMAN HE HAS EVER KNOWN WITH A TREMENDOUS ABILITY TO BRING ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TOGETHER. HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF ANY KIND AND CONSIDERS APPLICANT'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY UNQUESTIONABLE.

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SHOOK STATES APPLICANT HAS ALL NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS TO BE DIRECTOR AND HAS SHOWN IT THROUGHOUT HIS RUNNING OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE. HE STATED HE FEELS THERE IS NO FINER MAN FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDS HIM FOR THIS POSITION.

ON JUNE 15, 1977, EDWARD F. WUNSCH, SR., CHIEF OF POLICE, LOWER SOUTH HAMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, LOWER SOUTH HAMPTON, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PAST PRESIDENT OF PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY AND FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY GRADUATE - CLASS 60, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

HE HAS KNOWN APPLICANT FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS AND CONSIDERS HIM AN OUTSTANDING PERSON, LEADER AND ADMINISTRATOR WITH UNQUESTIONABLE INTEGRITY AND A COMPLETE GENTLEMAN. HE FURTHER DESCRIBES APPLICANT AS ONE OF THE FINEST INDIVIDUALS HE HAS EVER KNOWN. HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF ANY KIND AND CONSIDERS APPLICANT'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY UNQUESTIONABLE.

WUNSCH STATED THAT APPLICANT HAS EXCELLENT AND UNQUESTIONABLE QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECTOR AND BELIEVES APPLICANT WOULD MAKE ONE OF THE GREATEST DIRECTORS IN THE FBI HISTORY. HE HIGHLY

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RECOMMENDS APPLICANT FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, FBI.

MEDICAL: ON JUNE 15, 1977, [REDACTED] (PERSONAL PHYSICIAN OF APPLICANT), [REDACTED] ADVISED APPLICANT HAS BEEN A PATIENT OF HIS SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1977, AND HAS ONLY TREATED HIM TWICE FOR A COLD, HOWEVER, HAS GIVEN APPLICANT PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS, AND CONSIDERS HIM IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION WITH NO PHYSICAL DEFECTS.

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DR. [REDACTED] STATES APPLICANT IS IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION, AND RECOMMENDS APPLICANT FOR ANY GOVERNMENT POSITION.

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NEIL J. ^{WELCH} WELCH, DAPLI, DIRECTOR, FBI. BUDED: JUNE 20, 1977

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO BALTIMORE AND BALTIMORE TELETYPE
TO BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES, BOTH DATED JUNE 15, 1977,
CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

STATE AND LOCAL JUDGES:

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE CONTACTED AT PHILADELPHIA,
PENNSYLVANIA, ON JUNE 15, 1977, AND MADE COMMENTS AS INDICATED
RELATING TO THE APPLICANT TO SA [REDACTED]:

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THE HONORABLE J. SYDNEY HOFFMAN, JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, ROOM 364, CITY HALL, ADVISED
THAT HIS CONTACT WITH THE APPLICANT HAD BEEN LIMITED TO ONE

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OR TWO SOCIAL CONTACTS. FROM HIS CONTACT WITH THE APPLICANT AND FROM HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PHILADELPHIA, PENN., POLICE DEPARTMENTS, IT IS HIS BELIEF THAT THE APPLICANT HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB AS THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS HAD CONTACT WITH FORMER AGENTS WHO WERE IN CHARGE OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI AND HAS FOUND THE APPLICANT'S EXCELLENCE AND QUALITY TO BE WHAT HE IS FAMILIAR WITH AS DISPLAYED BY THE FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE.

HE NOTED THAT BASED ON THE APPLICANT'S INTEGRITY, THE APPLICANT'S ABILITY TO LEAD THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI, THE APPLICANT'S ABILITY TO GET ALONG WITH HIS SUBORDINATES, HIS ABILITY TO WORK WITH THE LOCAL PHILADELPHIA, PENN., POLICE DEPARTMENTS, AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF POLICE WORK, HE BELIEVES THE APPLICANT WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI. HE ADVISED HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE APPLICANT WITHOUT RESERVATION FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING CONSIDERED.

THE HONORABLE EDMUND B. SPAETH, JR., JUDGE, PENNSYLVANIA

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SUPERIOR COURT, ROOM 558, CITY HALL, ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPLICANT AND THUS WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS REGARDING MR. WELCH'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI. HE DID ADVISE THAT HE HAD NEVER HEARD ANY DEROGATORY REMARKS MADE BY ANYONE REGARDING THE APPLICANT AND/OR THE APPLICANT'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI.

THE HONORABLE ROBERT L. JACOBS, JUDGE, PENNSYLVANIA SUPERIOR COURT, COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED HE WAS COMPLETELY UNFAMILIAR WITH THE APPLICANT AND CONSEQUENTLY WAS UNABLE TO MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARD TO HIS QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING CONSIDERED.

THE HONORABLE ISRAEL PACKER, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA, ROOM 464, CITY HALL, ADVISED THAT HE HAD NEVER HAD ANY PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE APPLICANT; HOWEVER FROM HIS CONTACT WITH THE NEWS MEDIA, THE APPLICANT APPEARS TO HAVE A FAVORABLE REPUTATION AS THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI AND AS SUCH, IS AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

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THE HONORABLE MICHAEL J. CONROY, JR., JUDGE, MUNICIPAL COURT, ROOM 392, CITY HALL, ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPLICANT; HOWEVER, RELATED THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS CONTACT WITH THE SPECIAL AGENTS WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI AND WHO WERE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE APPLICANT AND FROM HIS CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF LOCAL PHILADELPHIA, PENN., LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, HE HAS FOUND THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE TO BE VERY PROFESSIONAL AND THE OFFICE'S COOPERATION WITH THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO BE GOOD, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE APPLICANT.

HE CONCLUDED BY ADVISING THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT HAD ANY PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE APPLICANT, WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICANT'S KNOWLEDGE AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL, HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE APPLICANT FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

THE HONORABLE MAXWELL L. OMINSKY, JUDGE, MUNICIPAL COURT, ROOM 292, CITY HALL, ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPLICANT; HOWEVER, NOTED THAT THE ARTICLES APPEARING IN THE LOCAL PHILADELPHIA NEWSPAPERS HAD

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BEEN FAVORABLE REGARDING THE APPLICANT. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOT OVERHEARD ANY UNFAVORABLE REMARKS REGARDING THE APPLICANT, HOWEVER, STATED THAT INASMUCH AS HE IS NOT PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH THE APPLICANT, HE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

THE HONORABLE EDWARD J. BRADLEY, PRESIDENT JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ROOM 386, CITY HALL, ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPLICANT AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING CONSIDERED. HE NOTED THAT HE HAS NEVER HEARD OF ANY UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS REGARDING THE APPLICANT AND/OR THE APPLICANT'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI.

THE HONORABLE ALEX BONAVITACOLA, JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ROOM 591, CITY HALL, ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOT HAD ANY PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE APPLICANT; HOWEVER, NOTED THAT THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI HAS A GENERAL REPUTATION OF BEING WELL ADMINISTERED. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD NEVER OVERHEARD ANY CRITICISM REGARDING THE APPALICANT AND/OR THE

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APPLICANT'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI.

BONAVITACOLA CONCLUDED BY ADVISING THAT IN VIEW OF HIS LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPLICANT, HE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING CONSIDERED.

THE HONORABLE MURRAY C. GOLDMAN, JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ROOM 1904, ONE EAST PENN SQUARE, ADVISED THAT HE IS COMPLETELY UNFAMILIAR WITH THE APPLICANT AND THEREFORE WAS NOT IN ANY POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS REGARDING MR. WELCH'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI. HE DID NOTE THAT HE HAD NEVER RECEIVED OR OVERHEARD ANY UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS REGARDING THE APPLICANT.

THE HONORABLE MARVIN R. HALBERT, JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ROOM 103, ONE EAST PENN SQUARE, ADVISED THAT HE WAS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPLICANT AND WAS THEREFORE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD NOT OVERHEARD OR READ ANY UNFAVORABLE REMARKS REGARDING THE APPLICANT.

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:

JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN, SHERIFF, CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, CITY HALL, ADVISED THAT HE WAS NOT PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH THE APPLICANT; HOWEVER, RELATED THAT FROM HIS CONTACT WITH THE NEWS MEDIA AS WELL AS HIS CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MR. WELCH, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COURTS OF PHILADELPHIA AND MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PHILADELPHIA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, HE HAS NOT OVERHEARD ANY UNFAVORABLE REMARKS REGARDING THE COOPERATION WHICH THESE AGENCIES HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI. IN FACT, HE ADVISED THAT THE COOPERATION APPEARS TO BE BETTER THAN EVER.

" SULLIVAN CONCLUDED BY ADVISING THAT BASED ON THE COMMENTS FROM OTHER INDIVIDUALS, AS WELL AS WHAT HE HAS LEARNED FROM THE NEWS MEDIA, HE FEELS THAT THE APPLICANT IS AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

NONE OF THE PERSONS CONTACTED REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT.

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MR. JAMES E. RICHIE WAS FORMERLY THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, STRIKE FORCE IN DETROIT DURING NEIL WELCH'S TENURE IN DETROIT AND THEY WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER. RICHIE

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APPLICANT FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:

RICHARD THORNBURG, FORMER DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL
DIVISION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CURRENTLY RESIDING
IN THE PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, AREA, EXACT ADDRESS NOT AVAIL-
ABLE TO APPLICANT; AND JOHN DOWD, CHIEF, STRIKE FORCE, U. S.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO BALTIMORE, JUNE 15, 1977.

FEDERAL JUDGES

JOSEPH S. LORD III, CHIEF JUDGE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF
PA. (EDPA), AT PHILADELPHIA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPLICANT FOR
APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS, DURING WHICH TIME HE HAS NEVER HEARD
ANYONE STATE ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING WELCH'S
CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION OR LOYALTY. LORD STATED
HE HAS PERSONALLY OBSERVED THE SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF THE
PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI UNDER WELCH, AND HE OBSERVES
THAT MORE PRODUCTIVE WORK IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE
WELCH TENURE. LORD STATES THAT WELCH HAS PLACED MAJOR
EMPHASIS ON CRIMES SUCH AS POLITICAL CORRUPTION AND WHITE

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COLLAR CRIME, AND THESE AREAS ARE BEING VIGOROUSLY INVESTIGATED BY THE FBI. LORD STATES THAT WELCH IS AN EXCELLENT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL AND HE STATES THAT HE CAN HIGHLY RECOMMEND WELCH FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

LORD KNOWS OF NO INSTANCE OF WELCH EVER BEING BIASED BASED ON RACIAL, RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC REASONS. LORD ADVISED THAT WELCH WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT DIRECTOR OF THE FBI, AND HE ADVISED HE COULD RECOMMEND HIM WITHOUT RESERVATION.

LOUIS C. BECHTLE, JUDGE, EDPA, FEDERAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN NEIL WELCH FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS. BECHTLE STATES THAT WELCH HAS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FOR GETTING THE JOB DONE. BECHTLE CONSIDERS THE APPLICANT AN EXCELLENT PROSPECT FOR THE POSITION OF FBI DIRECTOR. BECHTLE ADVISED HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING WELCH AND BECHTLE COULD RELATE NO INSTANCE OF WELCH HAVING EXHIBITED ANY RACIAL, RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC PREJUDICE. BECHTLE FURTHER DESCRIBES WELCH AS HAVING RECEIVED GOOD PRESS COVERAGE AS SAC OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI, AND BECHTLE

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ADVISED HE COULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI. BECHTLE ADVISED THAT IT WOULD BE PHILADELPHIA'S LOSS IF MR. WELCH IS CHOSEN TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

EDWARD N. CAHN, FEDERAL JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, EDPA, ADVISED HE REGULARLY COVERS COURT SESSIONS OUT OF ALLENTOWN, PA. CAHN STATES THAT WELCH HAS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION WITH THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE FBI HAS BEEN EXCELLENT DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME MR. WELCH HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE. CAHN ADVISED HE HAS HAD VERY LITTLE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH MR. WELCH BUT HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING MR. WELCH'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION OR LOYALTY. JUDGE CAHN ADVISED THAT BASED ON HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MR. WELCH AND MR. WELCH'S PROFESSIONAL REPUTATION, HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND WELCH FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

C. S. GREEN, FEDERAL JUDGE, ESPA, ADVISED HE HAS MET NEIL WELCH ON APPROXIMATELY THREE OCCASIONS AND KNOWS MR. WELCH BASICALLY BY REPUTATION. GREEN ADVISED HE

KNOWS OF NOTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING MR. WELCH AND STATES HE HAS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION WITH THE JUDICIARY AND AMONG OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN THE PHILADELPHIA AREA. GREEN ADVISED HE COULD RECOMMEND WELCH FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

JAMES FULLAM, FEDERAL JUDGE, EDPA, ADVISED HE DOES NOT PERSONALLY KNOW MR. WELCH BUT BASED ON HIS REPUTATION, HE KNOWS OF NOTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING MR. WELCH. FULLAM ADVISED HE KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING MR. WELCH'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION OR LOYALTY AND THAT BASED ON HIS RATHER LIMITED KNOWLEDGE, COULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

J.B. HANNUM, FEDERAL JUDGE, EDPA, ADVISED HE KNOWS MR. NEIL WELCH ONLY BY REPUTATION AND HE ADVISED THAT MR. WELCH HAS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AMONG OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY AND AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN GENERAL. MR. HANNUM ADVISED THAT BASED ON HIS RATHER LIMITED CONTACT

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WITH MR. WELCH, HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON MR. WELCH'S CHARACTER OR ASSOCIATES BUT HANNUM DID STATE THAT IN VIEW OF MR. WELCH'S REPUTATION AND STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY, HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

J. WILLIAM DITTLER, JR., FEDERAL JUDGE, EDPA, ADVISED HE HAS MET MR. WELCH ONLY A FEW TIMES AT VARIOUS LUNCHEONS AND DOES NOT KNOW MR. WELCH WELL ENOUGH TO COMMENT ON HIS CHARACTER AND ASSOCIATES. DITTLER ADVISED HOWEVER THAT MR. WELCH IS KNOWN TO BE AN INNOVATIVE AND DECISIVE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (SAC). DITTLER ADVISED THAT BASED ON HIS LIMITED CONTACT WITH MR. WELCH, HE DID NOT WISH TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON HIS POSSIBLE SELECTION AS DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

H.A. FOGEL, FEDERAL JUDGE, EDPA, ADVISED HE HAS HAD VERY LITTLE CONTACT WITH MR. NEIL WELCH, HOWEVER, FOGEL STATES HE KNOWS OF NOTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING WELCH BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE HE HAS ENOUGH INFORMATION REGARDING THE MAN TO MAKE A COMMENT REGARDING HIS SUITABILITY FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

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FEDERAL OFFICIALS

JOEL FRIEDMAN, ATTORNEY IN CHARGE, PHILADELPHIA STRIKE FORCE, PHILA., PA., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN WELCH SINCE MR. WELCH HAS BEEN APPOINTED SAC OF THE PHILADELPHIA FBI OFFICE. FRIEDMAN ADVISED HE BELIEVES WELCH TO BE VERY PROFESSIONAL, CAPABLE AND ABLE TO HANDLE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING DIRECTOR OF THE FBI. FRIEDMAN STATED THAT DURING THE MANY CONTACTS HE HAS HAD WITH MR. WELCH, HE HAS FOUND HIM TO BE INNOVATIVE AND ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS. FRIEDMAN ADVISED WELCH IS A PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY AND FRIEDMAN FURTHER STATED THAT MANY OF WELCH'S INNOVATIVE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES HAVE MADE THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI ONE OF THE MORE ENLIGHTENED OFFICES IN THE COUNTRY. FRIEDMAN BELIEVES THAT WELCH IS FULLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION OF FBI DIRECTOR IF THAT POSITION IS OFFERED TO HIM.

[REDACTED], ASSISTANT ATTORNEY IN CHARGE, FEDERAL STRIKE FORCE, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN IN PHILADELPHIA SINCE JANUARY, 1977. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS FOUND THAT MR. WELCH

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RUNS HIS OFFICE IN A VERY PROFESSIONAL BUSINESSLIKE MANNER,
AND HAS BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE OPENNESS AND THE COOPERATION
HE HAS RECEIVED FROM THE PHILADELPHIA FBI OFFICE. [REDACTED]
FEELS THAT THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE'S NEW APPROACH IN THE
FIELD OF ORGANIZED CRIME AND POLITICAL CORRUPTION STEMS
DIRECTLY FROM MR. WELCH BEING THE SAC. [REDACTED] FEELS THAT
WELCH IS A QUALIFIED, IMAGINATIVE PERSON WHO WOULD MAKE AN
EXCELLENT DIRECTOR OF THE FBI, AND [REDACTED] STATES HE COULD
HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR THAT POSITION.

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[REDACTED] ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE,
ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED HE HAS MET MR. WELCH ON
SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND HAS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION REGARDING
MR. WELCH. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE COOPERATION BETWEEN HIS
OFFICE AND THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI HAS BEEN
SPLENDID DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME MR. WELCH HAS BEEN SAC.
[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT BASED ON HIS RATHER LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF

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MR. WELCH, HE COULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR THE POSITION OF
DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

[] GROUP SUPERVISOR, OFFICE OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS, PHILADELPHIA, PA., ADVISED HE
HAS KNOWN MR. WELCH FOR A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS. []
ADVISED HE HAS ATTENDED MANY INTERDEPARTMENTAL LIAISON
CONFERENCES AT WHICH MR. WELCH WAS PRESENT. [] ADVISED
THAT PRIOR TO NEIL WELCH'S APPOINTMENT AS SAC OF THE
PHILADELPHIA OFFICE, THE FBI NEVER ATTENDED THESE CONFERENCES
BUT UNDER MR. WELCH, THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
AGENCIES HAS GROWN AND WARREN STATES "WE NOW GET ALONG
TREMENDOUSLY." [] STATES THAT LIAISON IN MATTERS OF
CARGO THEFTS HAS LED TO AN EXTREMELY SMOOTH OPERATING
ARRANGEMENT. [] ADVISED THAT MR. WELCH EVIDENTLY
COMMANDS RESPECT AND HE HAS HEARD FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON MR.
WELCH'S PERFORMANCE FROM VARIOUS OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.
[] ADVISED HE COULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND MR. WELCH FOR THE
POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

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PAUL L. GREENLEE, DISTRICT DIRECTOR, CUSTOMS, PHILADELPHIA, PA., ADVISED HE HAS ONLY MET MR. WELCH ON TWO OCCASIONS AND HAS NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF ANYTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING MR. WELCH'S BACKGROUND. GREENLEE ADVISED THAT WELCH IS A PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY AND BASED ON HIS LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF MR. WELCH, GREENLEE ADVISED HE COULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

ARTHUR LEWIS, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, PHILA., PA., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN WELCH FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS. LEWIS ADVISED HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH WELCH ON DRUG RELATED CASES IN WHICH THE FBI HAD AN INTEREST. HE DESCRIBES WELCH AS BEING AGGRESSIVE AND QUITE OUTSPOKEN. LEWIS STATES THAT IN HIS OPINION, WELCH IS A PERSON OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY, AND LEWIS STATES THAT HIS ONLY SOCIAL CONTACT WITH MR. WELCH WOULD BE AT VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT LUNCHEONS AND OTHER LIAISON TYPE CONFERENCES. LEWIS DESCRIBED WELCH AS HAVING THE RESPECT OF HIS MEN AND ADDED THAT WELCH WAS AN ABLE

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ADMINISTRATOR WITH AN EXCELLENT INSIGHT IN THE FIELDS OF ORGANIZED CRIME AND POLITICAL CORRUPTION. LEWIS STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION, WELCH HAD THE CAPABILITY OF BEING AN EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI AND LEWIS ADVISED HE COULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR THAT POSITION.

JAMES R. D'AMELIO, SAC, PHILADELPHIA OFFICE, SECRET SERVICE, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN MR. WELCH FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF YEARS. D'AMELIO ADVISED THAT WELCH IS CONSIDERED A RELIABLE AND DEDICATED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND HE ADVISED THAT HIS OFFICE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH NEIL WELCH SEVERAL TIMES ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. D'AMELIO ADVISED THAT HE KNOWS OF NOTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING MR. WELCH'S PERSONAL REPUTATION OR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT. D'AMELIO ADVISED HE COULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND WELCH FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

THOMAS F. MARTIN, CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, PHILADELPHIA, PA., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN NEIL WELCH FOR OVER TWO YEARS DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT WELCH HAS SERVED AS SAC OF THE

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PHILADELPHIA FBI OFFICE. MARTIN ADVISED HIS OFFICE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE FBI ON CASES IN WHICH THEY HAVE HAD A MUTUAL INTEREST. IN ADDITION, MARTIN STATES THAT HE HAS HAD NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES TO OBSERVE WELCH AT LIAISON FUNCTIONS, FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS, AND OTHER LIAISON TYPE CONFERENCES, AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE AN EXCELLENT, PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. MARTIN STATED HE IS QUITE IMPRESSED WITH THE CHANGE IN INVESTIGATIVE EMPHASIS WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI DURING THE TENURE OF NEIL WELCH AND HE BELIEVES THAT THE FBI'S EMPHASIS IN THE AREA OF POLITICAL CORRUPTION AND ORGANIZED CRIME IS BENEFICIAL. MARTIN ADVISED THAT BASED ON HIS KNOWLEDGE OF WELCH HE IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI. HE ADVISED WELCH IS A PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY. MARTIN DESCRIBED WELCH AS BEING KNOWLEDGEABLE, DIRECT, FIRM AND POSSESSING EXCELLENT ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITIES. MARTIN ADVISED HE COULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND WELCH FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR.

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BRUCE H. BAILEY, JR., CHIEF OF POLICE, MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, PA., ADVISED HE IS ALSO SECRETARY TREASURER OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES, PA. CHAPTER. BAILEY ADVISED HE HAS ENJOYED THE COMPANY OF NEIL WELCH ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OF THE PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS, AND HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN IMPRESSED WITH MR. WELCH'S ABILITY AND KNOWLEDGE. BAILEY ADVISED HE KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING MR. WELCH AND CONSIDERS WELCH TO BE A PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY. BAILEY DESCRIBED WELCH AS VERY FORTHRIGHT. BAILEY ADVISED THAT HE HAS LOOKED OVER THE LIST OF POTENTIAL NOMINEES AND DESCRIBED WELCH AS "MY CANDIDATE WITHOUT EXCEPTION."

ROBERT C. GILROY, CHIEF OF POLICE, KUTZTOWN, PA., ALSO SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PA. CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION AND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY GRADUATES, PA. CHAPTER, ADVISED HE COULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND MR. WELCH FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR WITH THE FBI. GILROY ADVISED THAT MR. WELCH HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT SAC WITH AN OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY IMAGE WITH HIS EMPHASIS ON ORGANIZED CRIME

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AND WHITE COLLAR CRIMES AND POLITICAL CORRUPTION IN EASTERN PA. GILROY ADVISED THAT MR. WELCH IS A PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY AND HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF WELCH EVER MAKING ANY PREJUDICIAL STATEMENTS BASED ON RACE, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR ETHNIC BACKGROUND. GILROY ADVISED HE WOULD RECOMMEND WELCH FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI WITHOUT RESERVATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE: NO ONE CONTACTED REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT.

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FEDERAL JUDGES: ON JUNE 15, 1977, CHIEF FEDERAL JUDGE
WILLIAM J. LEALON, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, SCRANTON,
PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED THAT HE MET MR. NEIL WELCH, SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE (SAC) OF THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION ON ONE OCCASION AT
WHICH TIME HE WAS MOST FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH MR. WELCH'S
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FAVORABLE COMMENTS CONCERNING MR. WELCH'S ABILITY IN THE FIELD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE WHICH WOULD DETRACT FROM MR. WELCH'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION OR ABILITY.

R. DIXON HERMAN, U.S. FEDERAL JUDGE, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED ON JUNE 16, 1977, THAT HE MET WITH MR. NEIL WELCH, AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION ON ONE OCCASION AT WHICH TIME HE GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT MR. WELCH HAD AN OUTSTANDING COMMAND OF HIMSELF, AT WHICH TIME HE OBTAINED A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF MR. WELCH, AND HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE CONCERNING MR. WELCH, AND FEELS THAT THIS TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL WOULD MAKE A GOOD DIRECTOR OF THE FBI. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAS NEVER HEARD OF MR. WELCH TO HARBOR ANY PREJUDICES.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS: ON JUNE 15, 1977, MR. S. JOHN COTTONE, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN MR. WELCH FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS DURING WHICH TIME HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH MR. WELCH AND AGENTS OF THE FBI ASSIGNED TO THE SCRANTON RESIDENT AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH WHITE COLLAR CRIMES. HE ADVISED

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THAT HE HAS FOUND THAT MR. WELCH HAS HAD MORE THAN THE USUAL CONTACTS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES THAN FORMER SAC'S OF THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT HE RESPECTS MR. WELCH'S JUDGMENT, AND THAT MR. WELCH IS WILLING TO COOPERATE ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FIELD, AND FOR THIS REASON HE FEELS THAT MR. WELCH WOULD MAKE AN OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR OF THE FBI. HE ADVISED HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING MR. WELCH, AND KNOWS OF NO PREJUDICES WHICH COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO MR. WELCH.

ON JUNE 15, 1977, [REDACTED], ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH MR. WELCH FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS DURING WHICH TIME MR. WELCH WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN RAMRODDING THE DRIVE ON WHITE COLLAR CRIME AND POLITICAL CORRUPTIONS WHICH HAS RESULTED IN 26 CONVICTIONS IN THIS TYPE OF VIOLATION IN THE SCRANTON AREA. HE ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERS MR. WELCH TO BE AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL, POSSESSING EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, AND WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

ON JUNE 16, 1977, MR. [REDACTED], ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA,

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ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN MR. WELCH FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AS SAC OF THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION AND HAS BEEN IN MR. WELCH'S COMPANY APPROXIMATELY 12 TO 15 TIMES. HE STATED THAT DURING THESE CONTACTS, HE WAS VERY MUCH IMPRESSED WITH MR. WELCH AND HOLDS HIM IN THE HIGHEST REGARD. HE STATED THAT MR. WELCH HAS AN OUTSTANDING REPUTATION IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FIELD AND FEELS THAT MR. WELCH WOULD MAKE AN OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR OF THE FBI. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE HAS NO INDICATION THAT MR. WELCH HARBORS ANY PREJUDICES AND IS THE TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL THAT UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEMS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND DOES MUCH TO REMEDY THESE PROBLEMS.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE OFFICERS: ON JUNE 15, 1977, COLONEL PAUL J. SCHLAK, COMMISSIONER, PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN MR. WELCH, SAC OF THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION OF THE FBI FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AT WHICH TIME HE HAS HAD DEALINGS WITH HIM IN A PROFESSIONAL SENSE AS WELL AS ATTENDING SOCIAL EVENTS WITH HIM. HE STATED THAT HE CONSIDERS MR. WELCH TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER AND INTEGRITY. HE ADVISED THAT MR. WELCH HAS BEEN VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING TRAINING TO THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE

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POLICE AS SAC AND IS AWARE OF THE MANY PROBLEMS CONFRONTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND IS EAGER TO COOPERATE WITH LOCAL AGENCIES IN RESOLVING THEIR PROBLEMS. HE ADVISED HE CONSIDERS MR. WELCH TO BE VERY COMPETENT AND A REAL ASSET TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY. COLONEL SCHLAK STATED THAT HE HAS READ WPHE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF THE OTHER CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR OF THE FBI, AND AFTER STUDYING THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, THAT IF HE, SCHLAK, "WERE PRESIDENT CARTER HE WOULD APPOINT NEIL WELCH AS THE NEXT DIRECTOR OF THE FBI."

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE EVAN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED ON JUNE 16, 1977, THAT HE HAS KNOWN MR. WELCH FOR SEVEN YEARS, AS HE, COLONEL EVAN, IS A NATIONAL ACADEMY GRADUATE AND HAS HAD DEALINGS WITH MR. WELCH IN THIS CAPACITY. HE STATED THAT DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, HE HAS HAD MORE DIRECT DEALINGS WITH MR. WELCH AS MR. WELCH HAS PROVIDED SERVICES TO PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE IN THE AREA OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AS WELL AS TRAINING SESSIONS FOR PENNSYLVANIA STATE TROOPERS. HE ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERS MR. WELCH TO BE AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL, WHO IS HELD IN THE HIGHEST REGARD BY FELLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND THAT HE, COLONEL

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EVAN, FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE DEVASTATING TO THE FBI SHOULD ANY OTHER PERSON, OTHER THAN MR. WELCH BE APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

CAPTAIN JAMES J. REGAN, DIRECTOR, GENERAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED ON JUNE 16, 1977, THAT HE HAS KNOWN MR. WELCH BY REPUTATION FOR MANY YEARS THROUGH OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, HOWEVER, DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS WHILE MR. WELCH HAS BEEN SAC AT PHILADELPHIA, HE HAS HAD MORE DIRECT CONTACTS WITH HIM. HE STATED THAT HE CONSIDERS MR. WELCH TO BE OUTSTANDING IN THE FIELD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEMS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TAKES POSITIVE STEPS TO CORRECT SUCH PROBLEMS. HE STATED THAT MR. WELCH IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAKES HIS POSITION KNOWN, HOWEVER, HE ALSO LISTENS TO THE OTHER FELLOWS' SIDE OF A PROBLEM, AND IS WILLING TO COMPROMISE SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY. HE STATED THAT MR. WELCH HAS CONDUCTED HIMSELF IN A MOST PROFESSIONAL MANNER, AND FEELS THAT MR. WELCH WOULD BE AN OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

MR. FRANCIS J. SCHAEFER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PENNSYLVANIA CHIEF OF POLICE ASSOCIATION, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED ON

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JUNE 16, 1977, THAT HE HAS KNOWN MR. WELCH FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS DURING MR. WELCH'S ASSIGNMENT AS SAC, PHILADELPHIA DIVISION. MR. SCHAEFER ADVISED THAT HE RECENTLY DIRECTED A LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER EXPRESSING THE FEELINGS OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA CONCERNING MR. WELCH FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. HE ADVISED THAT HE FEELS THAT MR. WELCH WOULD MAKE AN OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

STATES ATTORNEY: MR. LEROY ZIMMERMAN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DAUPHIN COUNTY, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED ON JUNE 16, 1977, THAT HE HAS KNOWN MR. WELCH FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS IN MR. WELCH'S CAPACITY AS SAC OF THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION OF THE FBI AND HAS BEEN IN HIS COMPANY APPROXIMATELY SIX TIMES. HE ADVISED THAT DURING HIS CONTACTS WITH MR. WELCH, HE CONSIDERS MR. WELCH TO BE AN OUTSTANDING GENTLEMAN, WHO HAS THE HIGHEST RESPECT OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY, AND HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB AS SAC OF THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION. HE STATED THAT MR. WELCH'S POLICY ON INTENSIFICATION OF INVESTIGATING WHITE COLLAR CRIME IS A BREATH
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OF FRESH AIR TO PROSECUTORS, AND HE ADMIRES MR. WELCH FOR HIS EAGERNESS AND APPROACH TO THIS PROBLEM. MR. ZIMMERMAN ADVISED THAT HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE CONCERNING MR. WELCH, AND FEELS THAT HE WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

U.S. MAGISTRATE: MR. JOHN HAVAS, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED ON JUNE 16, 1977, THAT HE DOES NOT PERSONALLY KNOW MR. WELCH, HOWEVER, HE DID MEET HIM BRIEFLY ON ONE OCCASION AT WHICH TIME HE DID NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH HIM FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. MR. HAVAS STATED THAT ALL HE HAS HEARD ABOUT MR. WELCH FROM COLLEAGUES IN THE LAW PROFESSION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY HAS BEEN FAVORABLE, AND HE PERSONALLY FEELS THAT MR. WELCH WOULD MAKE AN OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

POLICE OFFICERS: CAPTAIN [REDACTED], CHIEF DETECTIVE, SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED ON JUNE 15, 1977, THAT HE HAS KNOWN MR. [REDACTED] FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS DURING THE PERIOD MR. WELCH HAS BEEN SAC OF THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION OF THE FBI. HE STATED THAT MR. WELCH HAS OUTSTANDING RESPECT OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY AND IS INVOLVED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AT A LOCAL LEVEL, WHICH IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY

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LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS. HE STATED THAT HE CONSIDERS MR. WELCH TO BE A REAL PROFESSIONAL AND THAT THIS TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL AS FAR AS THE AVERAGE POLICE OFFICER IS CONCERNED WOULD MAKE AN OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

STATE OFFICIAL: MR. [REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT J. BUTERA, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED ON JUNE 16, 1977, THAT HE HAS KNOWN MR. NEIL WELCH, SAC OF THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION, FOR APPROXIMATELY A YEAR AND A HALF DURING WHICH TIME HE HAS ACQUIRED THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR MR. WELCH IN THE FIELD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. HE ADVISED THAT HE ADMIRES MR. WELCH'S APPROACH TO THE INVESTIGATION OF WHITE COLLAR - POLITICAL CORRUPTION CRIMES, AND MR. WELCH IS DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN BRINGING TO JUSTICE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN VIOLATION OF SUCH CRIMES. HE ADVISED THAT HE FEELS THAT MR. WELCH WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

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BUSINESSMAN: MR. [REDACTED] EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, BUCKHILL INN, BUCKHILL FALLS, PENNSYLVANIA, ADVISED ON JUNE 15, 1977, THAT HE HAS KNOWN MR. WELCH FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS IN THE SEMI-SOCIAL CAPACITY AND HAS BEEN IN MR. WELCH'S COMPANY APPROXIMATELY HALF A DOZEN TIMES. MR. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT BY

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VIRTUE OF HIS POSITION, HE IS IN CONTACT WITH NUMEROUS INFLUENTIAL INDIVIDUALS, AND CAN PRETTY WELL SIZE UP A PERSON'S INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY, AND AFTER HIS CONTACTS WITH MR. WELCH, HE CONSIDERS HIM TO BE A PERSON POSSESSING OUTSTANDING QUALITIES OF INTELLIGENCE AND ABILITY. HE STATED THAT MR. WELCH IS THE TYPE OF PERSON ONE CAN TALK WITH AS HE, MR. WELCH, POSSESSES A SENSE OF HUMILITY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME IS POSITIVE IN HIS APPROACH TO ANY PROBLEMS AT HAND. MR. [] ADVISED THAT HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANY UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS ABOUT MR. WELCH, AND FEELS THAT MR. WELCH WOULD MAKE AN OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

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NONE OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT.

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NEIL J. WELCH, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, DIRECTOR, FBI, BUDED:

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CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS AT STAMFORD, CONN., AND
NEW HAVEN, CONN., DO NOT REVEAL ANY REFERENCES IDENTIFIABLE
WITH APPLICANT.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

ALL PERSONS CONTACTED WERE ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS
OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND NONE REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI ROUTINE

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NEIL J. WELCH, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, DIRECTOR, FBI, BUDED

CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 20, 1977, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE JUNE 15, 1977, AND BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO
BUREAU JUNE 15, 1977.

ON JUNE 15, 1977, TELETYPE ENQUIRIES OF THE RECORDS OF THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VEHICLES AND DRIVERS LICENSE SECTION,
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINED WILLIAM H. FARRELL, BORN
JANUARY 9, 1914, AND MAUREEN FARRELL, BORN JULY 13, 1920, HAVE
VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THEIR NAMES WITH THE ADDRESSES OF P.O. BOX
2343, SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA, AND 723 WEST FREMONT, SUNNYVALE,
CALIFORNIA..

ON JUNE 16, 1977, MRS. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], ADVISED SHE HAS RESIDED IN THE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FOR THREE YEARS AND MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM H. FARRELL
HAVE RESIDED AT 723 WEST FREMONT DURING THAT TIME.

SHE STATED SHE DOES NOT KNOW THE FARRELLS WELL BUT DESCRIBED
THEM AS PLEASANT, FRIENDLY PEOPLE.

SHE SUGGESTED MRS. [REDACTED], SECRETARY OF THE CEDARWOOD

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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, AS A PERSON WHO MIGHT BE BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THE FARRELLS.

ON JUNE 16, 1977, MRS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], ADVISED WILLIAM AND MAUREEN FARRELL CURRENTLY RESIDE AT 723 WEST FREMONT, SUNNYVALE. CALIFORNIA. THEY RENT THAT TOWNHOUSE AND HAVE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SHE SAID 725 WEST FREMONT IS PRESENTLY UNOCCUPIED AND SHE COULD SUGGEST NO ONE ELSE WHO MIGHT HAVE REGULAR CONTACTS WITH THE FARRELLS SINCE THEY DO NOT ATTEND THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

SHE STATED, HOWEVER, THE FARRELLS ARE CONSIDERED RESPECTED RESIDENTS IN THE TOWNHOUSE COMMUNITY.

[REDACTED], RECORDS CLERK, SANTA CLARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED ON JUNE 16, 1977, THAT THE FILES OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONTAIN NO RECORDS FOR EITHER WILLIAM H. FARRELL, BORN JANUARY 9, 1914, OR FOR MAUREEN FARRELL, BORN JULY 13, 1920, APPLICANT'S BROTHER-IN-LAW AND SISTER RESPECTIVELY.

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[REDACTED], RECORDS CLERK, SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ADVISED ON JUNE 16, 1977, THAT THE FILES OF HER DEPARTMENT CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH EITHER WILLIAM FARRELL OR MAUREEN FARRELL OF 723 WEST FREMONT, SUNNYVALE.

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NEIL ^{John} J. WELCH, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, DIRECTOR, FBI, BUDED:

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RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE, JUNE 16, 1977.

ALL OFFICES NOTE THAT INCORRECT BIRTH DATE SET FORTH ON
PAGE TWO OF REFERENCED TELETYPE FOR SAC WELCH. CORRECT BIRTH
DATE IS AUGUST 9, 1926 AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

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NEIL J. WELCH, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, DIRECTOR, FBI,

BUDED: CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 20, 1977 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE OCTOBER 15, 1977.

ON JUNE 16, 1977, RECORDS OF THE KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, POLICE
DEPT. WERE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS REGARDING THOMAS W. WELCH,
FATHER OF NEIL J. WELCH, WHO RESIDES IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

RESIDENCE OF THOMAS W. WELCH VERIFIED, AND WELCH CONSIDERED
A FINE UPSTANDING CITIZEN.

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NEIL JOHN WELCH, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, DIRECTOR, FBI,

BUDED CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 20, 1977, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE TAMPA TELETYPE JUNE 16, 1977.

ED R. BLACKBURN, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATE
OF FLORIDA, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, ADVISED JUNE 16, 1977,
THAT HE COULD NOT PRESENTLY RECALL APPLICANT.

ADMINISTRATIVE. BLACKBURN WAS ADVISED OF THE
PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT. INVESTIGATION AT TALLAHASSEE
CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED].

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NEIL J. CWELCH, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT-DIRECTOR-FBI

RE BALTIMORE TELETYPES TO BUREAU, JUNE 16, 1977.

ALL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED WERE ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS
~~OF THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974~~ AND DID NOT REQUEST CONFIDENTIALITY.

ON JUNE 16, 1977 THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE CONTACTED AT
PHILADELPHIA, PA. BY SA [REDACTED] AND MADE COMMENTS
AS INDICATED AS RELATING TO THE APPLICANT:

STATE AND LOCAL JUDGES: THE HONORABLE ROBERT N.C. NIX, JR.,
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA, ROOM 342,
CITY HALL, ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH
THE APPLICANT; HOWEVER, HE HAS NOT READ NOR OVERHEARD ANYTHING
OF AN ADVERSE NATURE REGARDING THE APPLICANT OR THE APPLICANT'S
ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI. HE ADVISED

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THAT ACCORDING TO THE NEWS MEDIA, THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI IS CURRENTLY ADMINISTERED IN A CREDIBLE AND EFFECTIVE FASHION.

NIX ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS: FIRST ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, 24TH FLOOR, CENTRE SQUARE WEST, ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN CASUALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPLICANT FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AS HE HAD MET THE APPLICANT AT POSSIBLY FIVE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. HE RELATED THAT FROM THE LIMITED CONVERSATIONS WHICH HE HAS HAD WITH THE APPLICANT, AS WELL AS HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH FEDERAL PROSECUTORS, SPECIAL AGENTS ASSIGNED TO THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI, AND LOCAL PHILADELPHIA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING JOSEPH O'NEILL, PHILADELPHIA POLICE COMMISSIONER, AND JOSEPH GOLDEN, CHIEF, DETECTIVE DIVISION, PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, HE HAS FOUND MR. WELCH'S REPUTATION AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL TO BE EXCELLENT. HE ADVISED THAT MR. WELCH IS PROFESSIONAL, TOTALLY HONEST AND DEDICATED TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSION.

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HE RELATED THAT BASED ON THE APPLICANT'S REPUTATION, HE FEELS THAT THE APPLICANT IS SUPERBLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

HE STATED THAT HE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY ADVERSE CRITICISM WHICH THE APPLICANT OR THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI HAS RECEIVED WHILE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE APPLICANT.

MR. [] ADVISED THAT HIS OFFICE HAS HAD NOTHING BUT THE FINEST COOPERATION FROM THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI WHILE THE OFFICE HAS BEEN UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MR. WELCH. HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI HAS MADE ANY EFFORT TO GET PIONEER PUBLICITY AND FOR THIS, HE HOLDS THE APPLICANT AND THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI IN THE HIGHEST ESTEEM.

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HE CONCLUDED BY ADVISING THAT THE APPLICANT'S REDIRECTION OF THE INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI INTO COMPLEX WHITE COLLAR CRIME AND POLITICAL CORRUPTION MATTERS WAS APPROPRIATE AND NEEDED.

GEORGE X. SCHWARTZ, PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, ROOM 494, CITY HALL, ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPLICANT AND THEREFORE IS NOT

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IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS IN REGARD TO THE APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

HE STATED THAT BASED ON WHAT HE HAS READ AND HEARD FROM THE NEWS MEDIA, MR. WELCH HAS A GOOD REPUTATION AS THE AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOT HEARD ANY ADVERSE CRITICISM REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL.

HARRY P. JANNOTTI, MAJORITY LEADER, CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, SEVENTH DISTRICT, ROOM 590-592, CITY HALL, ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPLICANT AND THUS WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS BEING CONSIDERED. HE STATED THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY ADVERSE CRITICISM REGARDING THE APPLICANT AND/OR THE APPLICANT'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI FROM HIS CONSTITUENTS.

MINORITY AND ETHNIC REPRESENTATIVES: DR. ETHEL D. ALLEN, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, ROOM 582B, CITY HALL, ADVISED THAT SHE HAD PERSONALLY MET THE APPLICANT AT TWO SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AND DURING HER CONVERSATIONS

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WITH HIM, FOUND THAT HE IS IN COMMAND OF HIS OFFICE AS HE APPEARED TO KNOW THE INVESTIGATIVE DIRECTION THAT HIS OFFICE WAS TAKING. SHE FOUND THAT THE APPLICANT'S DEMEANOR APPEARED TO BE IN THE KEEPING OF HIS POSITION AS THE AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI.

SHE ADVISED THAT HER CONSTITUENTS APPEARED TO BE SATISFIED WITH HIS HANDLING OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI AS SHE HAD NEVER HEARD ANYTHING OF A DEROGATORY OR ADVERSE NATURE REGARDING THE APPLICANT.

DR. ALLEN ADVISED THAT BASED ON THE IMPRESSION WHICH SHE HAD FORMED OF THE APPLICANT DURING HER LIMITED CONTACT WITH HIM AND HER CONVERSATIONS WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD SPOKEN OF THE APPLICANT, THE APPLICANT APPEARED TO BE QUALIFIED TO HOLD THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

DR. ALLEN CONCLUDED BY ADVISING THAT IT IS HER BELIEF THAT THE NEXT DIRECTOR OF THE FBI SHOULD BE SOMEONE WHO HAS COME UP THROUGH THE RANKS OF THE BUREAU.

LABOR OFFICIALS: THE FOLLOWING LABOR LEADERS IN THE PHILADELPHIA, PA. AREA WERE CONTACTED ON JUNE 16, 1977 CONCERNING THE APPLICANT. EACH ADVISED THAT THEY WERE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE

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APPLICANT AND DID NOT FEEL THAT THEY WERE IN A POSITION TO COMMENT
ON THE APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS OR CHARACTER: [REDACTED]

DISTRICT DIRECTOR, UNITED STEEL WORKERS, DISTRICT 7, SUBURBAN
STATION BUILDING, 15TH AND JFK; MRS. [REDACTED], ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT, AMALGAMATED CLOTHING AND TEXTILE WORKERS UNION OF
AMERICA, 2115 SOUTH STREET; [REDACTED], BUSINESS MANAGER,
LOCAL 1069, UNITED AUTO WORKERS OF AMERICA, FOURTH AND EDDYSTONE
STREETS, EDDYSTONE, PA.; [REDACTED], PRESIDENT, AFL-CIO
COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, 721 WESTERN SAVINGS BANK, CHESTNUT
AND SOUTH BROAD STREET; AND [REDACTED], PRESIDENT,
UPHOLSTERERS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, 25 NORTH
FOURTH STREET.

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Field Office File #: 77-15786

Bureau File #:

Title: NEIL J. WELCH

Character: DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT - DIRECTOR, FBI

Synopsis:

Checks of California Department of Motor Vehicle and Drivers License Section records, Sacramento, determined WILLIAM H. FARRELL, born 1/9/14, and MAUREEN FARRELL, born 7/13/20, have vehicles registered at Sunnyvale, California, P.O. Box 2343, and at 723 West Fremont, Sunnyvale. Neighborhood investigation in area of 723 West Fremont confirmed FARRELLs location and favorable regarding reputation. No police records located for either WILLIAM or MAUREEN FARRELL, brother-in-law and sister of Applicant, at Santa Clara County SO, San Jose, California, or Sunnyvale, California, DPS.

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DETAILS:AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

On June 15, 1977, teletype inquiries of the records of the California Department of Motor Vehicles and Drivers License Section, Sacramento, California, determined WILLIAM H. FARRELL, born January 9, 1914, and MAUREEN FARRELL, born July 13, 1920, have vehicles registered in their names with the addresses of P.O. Box 2343, Sunnyvale, California, and 723 West Fremont, Sunnyvale, California.

NEIGHBORHOODAT SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA

On June 16, 1977, Mrs. [REDACTED] advised she has resided in the [REDACTED] for three years and Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM H. FARRELL have resided at 723 West Fremont during that time.

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She stated she does not know the FARRELLs well but described them as pleasant, friendly people.

She suggested Mrs. [REDACTED], Secretary of the Cedarwood Homeowners Association, as a person who might be better acquainted with the FARRELLs.

On June 16, 1977, Mrs. [REDACTED] advised WILLIAM and MAUREEN FARRELL currently reside at 723 West Fremont, Sunnyvale, California. They rent that townhouse and have for several years. She said 725 West Fremont is presently unoccupied and she could suggest no one else who might have regular contacts with the FARRELLs since they do not attend the Homeowners Association meetings.

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She stated, however, the FARRELLs are considered respected residents in the townhouse community.

POLICE RECORDSAT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED], Records Clerk, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, San Jose, California, advised on June 16, 1977, that the files of the Sheriff's Office contain no records for either WILLIAM H. FARRELL, born January 9, 1914, or for MAUREEN FARRELL, born July 13, 1920, applicant's brother-in-law and sister respectively.

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[REDACTED], Records Clerk, Sunnyvale, California, Department of Public Safety, advised on June 16, 1977, that the files of her Department contain no information identifiable with either WILLIAM FARRELL or MAUREEN FARRELL of 723 West Fremont, Sunnyvale.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW HAVEN	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 6/16/77	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/15,16/77
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ADMINISTRATIVE

All persons contacted were advised of the provisions of the Privacy Act and none requested confidentiality.

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Title: NEIL J. WELCH

Character: DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT - DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Synopsis: Credit and arrest checks at Stamford, Conn., and New Haven, Conn. do not reveal any references identifiable with the applicant.

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DETAILS: CREDIT AND ARREST CHECKSAt Stamford, ConnecticutThe following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on 6/15/77:

Mr. [REDACTED], Stamford Credit Bureau, reviewed the records of that Bureau and advised no information was located identifiable with the applicant.

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Patrolman [REDACTED], Stamford Police Department, reviewed the records of that Department and advised no record identifiable with the applicant was located.

At New Haven, Connecticut

The following investigation was conducted by Special Clerk [REDACTED] on 6/16/77:

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Mrs. [REDACTED], Credit Bureau of Greater New Haven, Inc., advised the files of that Bureau contain

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no references identifiable with the applicant.

Patrolman [REDACTED], Records Division, New Haven, Connecticut, Police Department, advised files of that Division contain no references identifiable with the applicant.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 6/16/77	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/16/77
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REFERENCE: Baltimore teletype to Chicago dated 6/15/77.

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All persons contacted were apprised of the provisions of the Privacy Act, and those requesting confidentiality have been so noted. *AC*

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Date: June 16, 1977

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Title: NEIL J. WELCH

Character: DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT,
DIRECTOR, FBI

Synopsis: Applicant's membership in American Bar Association,
Chicago, confirmed.

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DETAILS:

Affiliations

American Bar Association (ABA)
1155 East 60th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. [REDACTED] Clerk, advised from records on June 16, 1977, that the applicant is a current member in good standing of the ABA.

National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE)
333 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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JUNE 20, 1977.

RE DETROIT TELCAL OF SA [REDACTED] TO NEW YORK,

JUNE 17, 1977.

ASSOCIATE. NEW YORK AT MINEOLA, NEW YORK: WILL INTERVIEW

[REDACTED], EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO NASSAU COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY, MINEOLA, NEW YORK, RE APPLICANT. [REDACTED] WAS HEAD OF
FEDERAL TASK FORCE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, DURING PERIOD APPLICANT
WAS ASSIGNED TO DETROIT OFFICE.

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NEIL J. WELCH, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, DIRECTOR, FBI.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AT TAMPA, FLA.,
CONCERNING APPLICANT, WHO WAS THE ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN
CHARGE (ASAC), TAMPA DIVISION, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
(FBI), FROM OCTOBER, 1962 UNTIL JULY, 1964.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS: THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS
CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED], AT TAMPA, FLA.:

ON JUNE 16, 1977, NEIL G. BROWN, [REDACTED], ADVISED
HE SERVED AS CHIEF OF POLICE IN TAMPA FROM OCTOBER, 1959, UNTIL
OCTOBER, 1963. HE THEN HELD THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF UNTIL
HIS RETIREMENT IN 1971. HE RECALLS NEIL J. WELCH AS BEING THE

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